



BUILDING A REGIONAL SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY

Planning for Smart Growth

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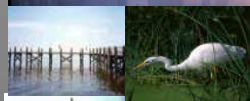
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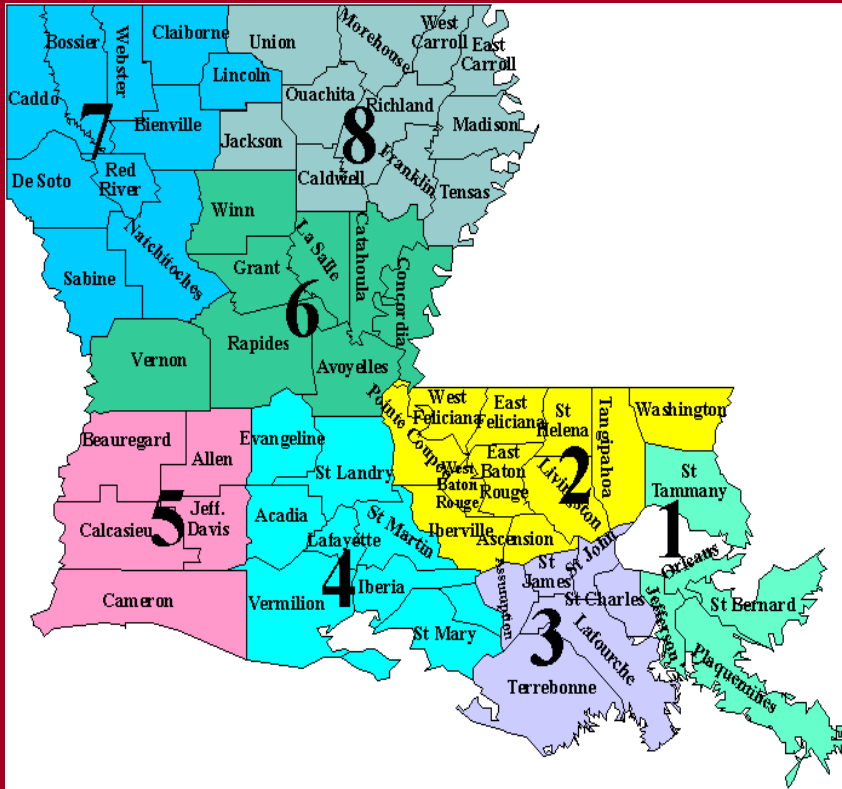
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The goal of the RPC is to develop a sustainable regional community that works together to help the individual parishes achieve local goals.



The RPC



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RPC as a Metropolitan Planning Organization

- Develop and Maintain Metropolitan Transportation Plan
- Develop and Maintain Transportation Improvement Program
- Coordinate Transportation Plan with Local Land Use, Economic Development and Environmental Planning

Managed Growth

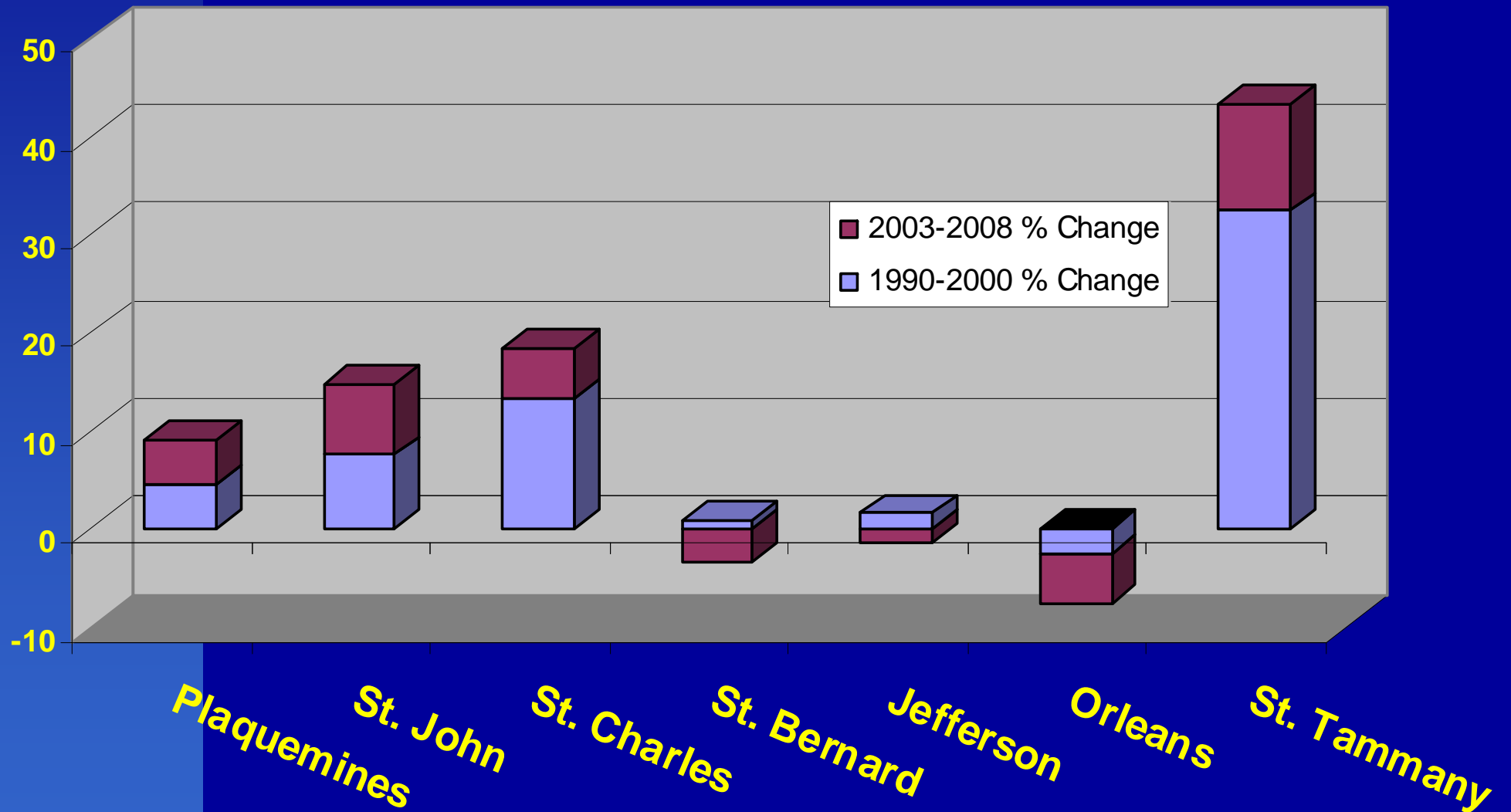


- Regional VMT has increased
- Infrastructure costs have increased
- New development patterns have created sprawl
- Sprawl has resulted in mismanaged growth
- Need for quality of life improvements

Not So Well Managed Growth

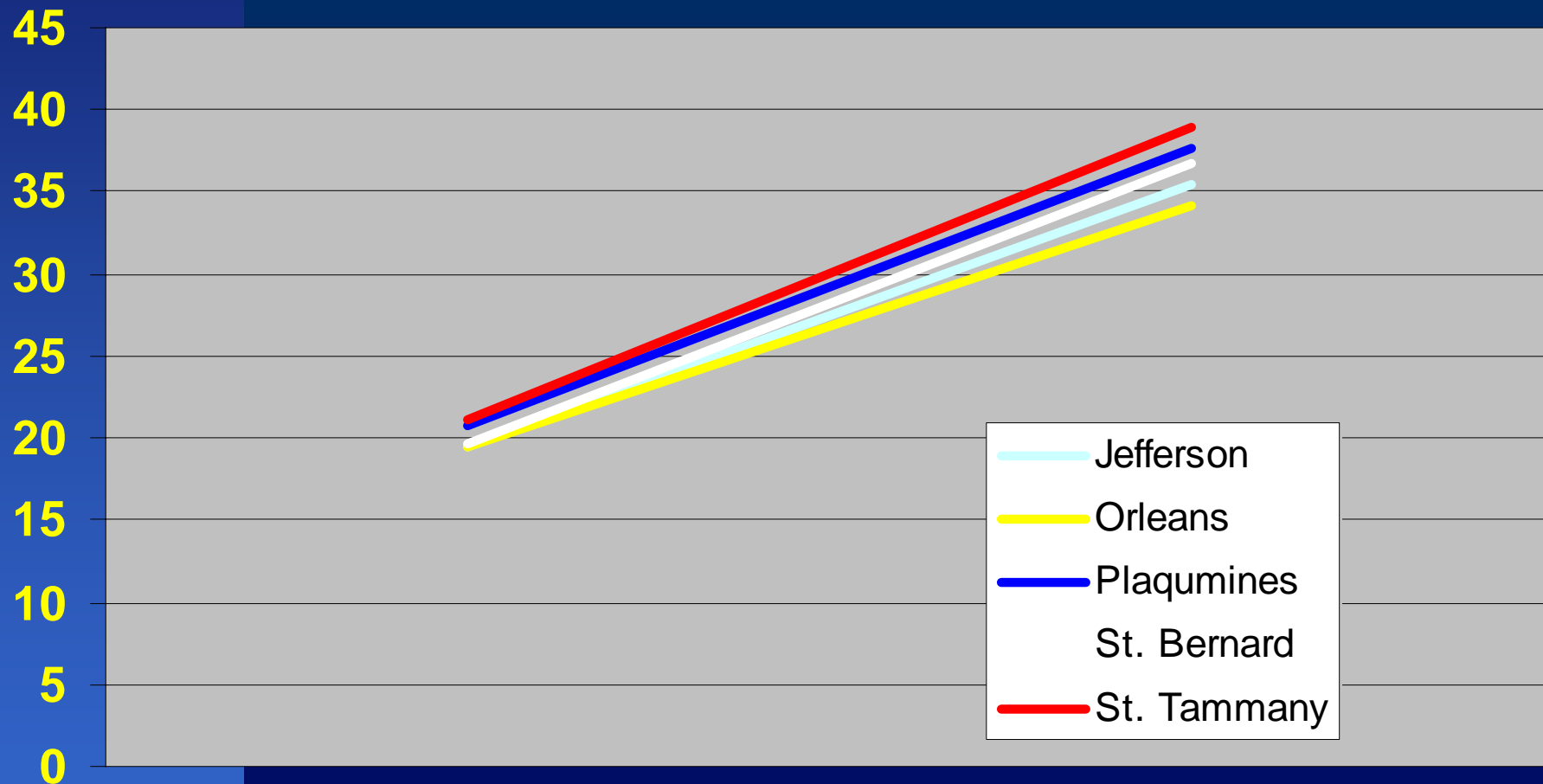


Regional Population Change



Regional VMT Trend

**VMT as Percentage Growth in 5 Parish Region:
1996 to 2030**



West End Grant

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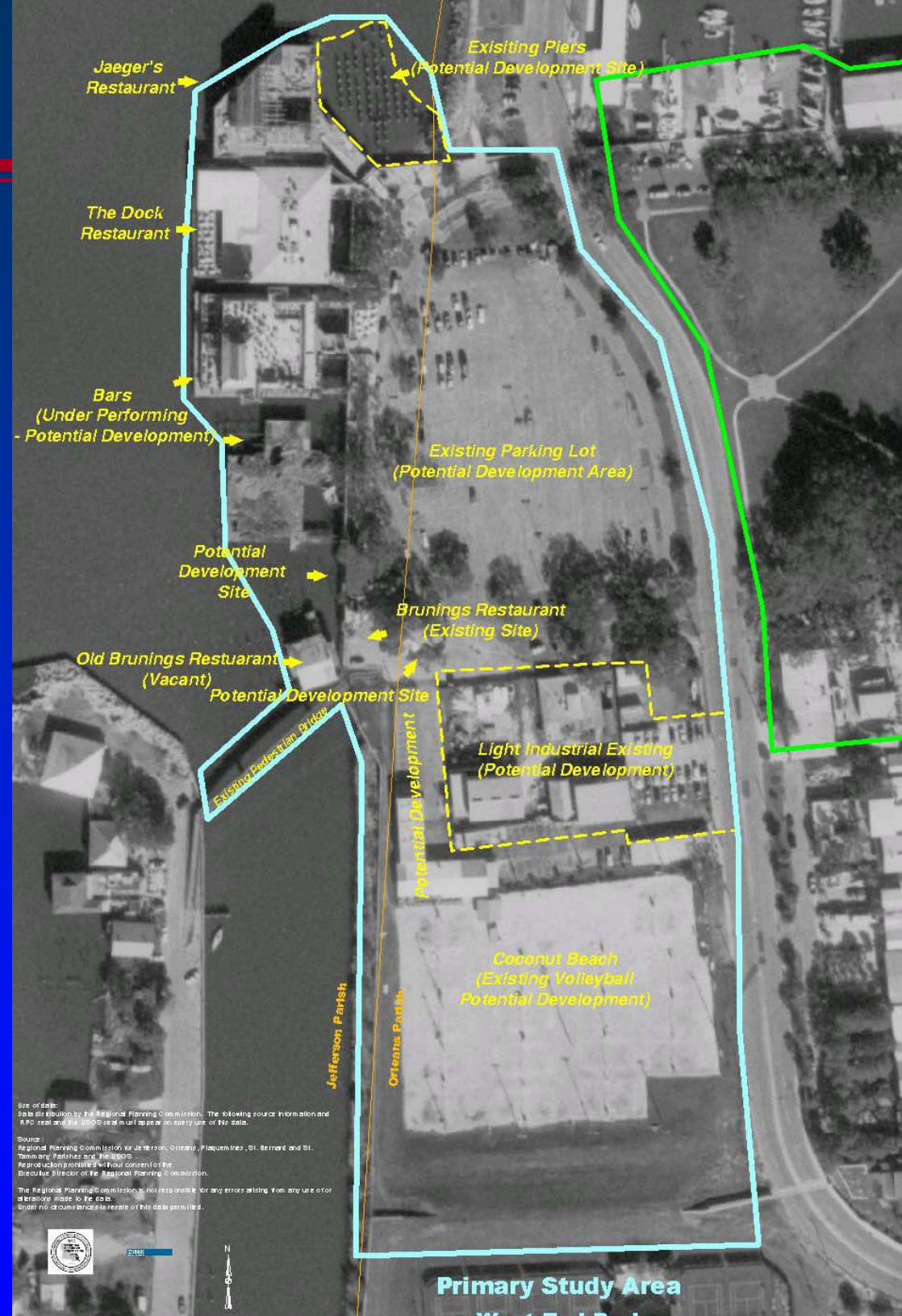


West End Grant

- 3 Year, \$225,000 grant
- Planning and redevelopment options
- Year 1 = Charrette, site plan, research
- Year 2 = Economic feasibility study and transportation study
- Year 3 = Smart Growth tool kit, land use regulatory controls, general recommendations, and identification of developers

West End Objectives

- Enhance regional cooperation
- Stimulate economic development in an underserved area
- Apply Smart Growth criteria to encourage sustainable development
- Reconnect West End residents to Lake Pontchartrain
- Redevelop brownfield sites





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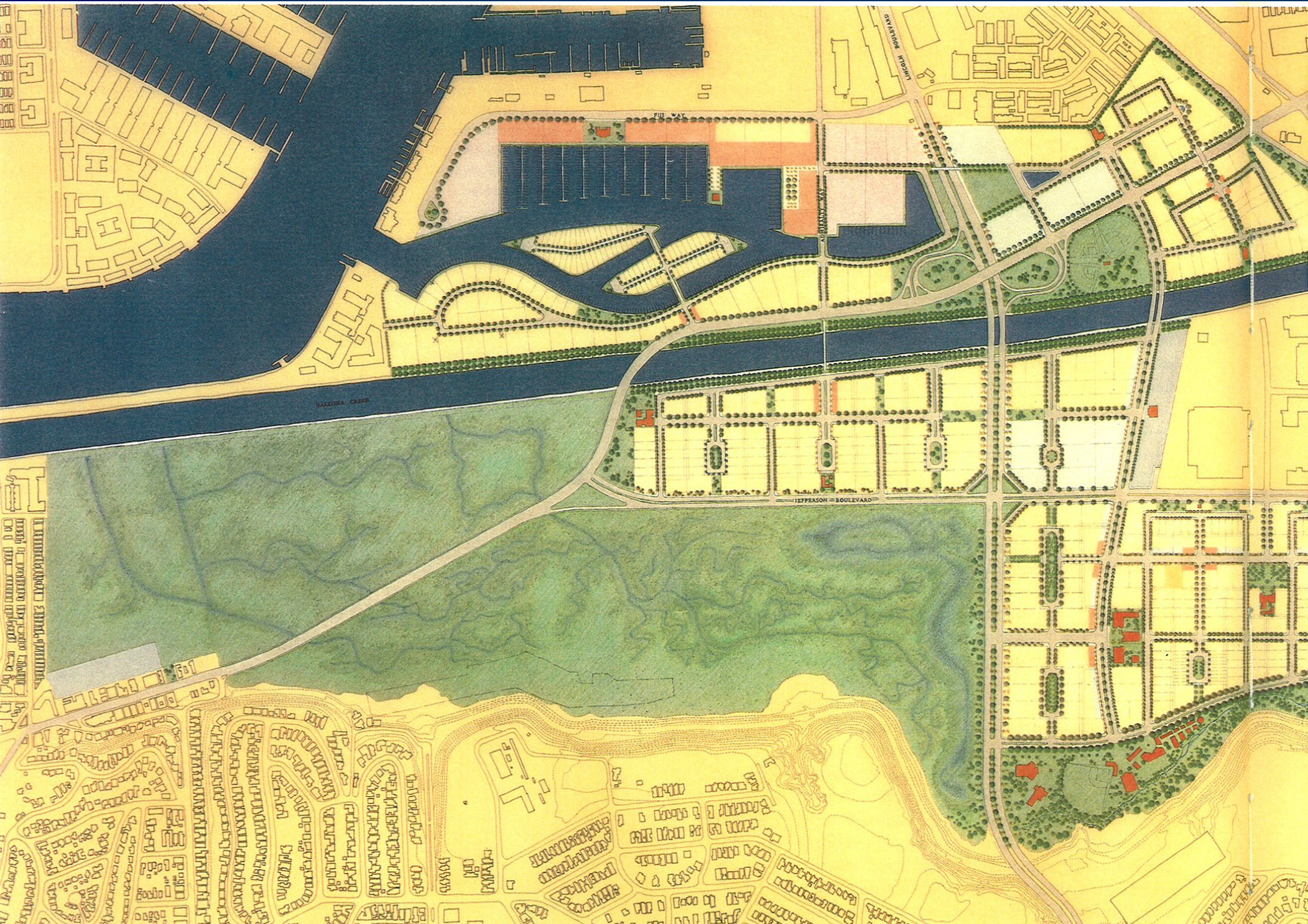




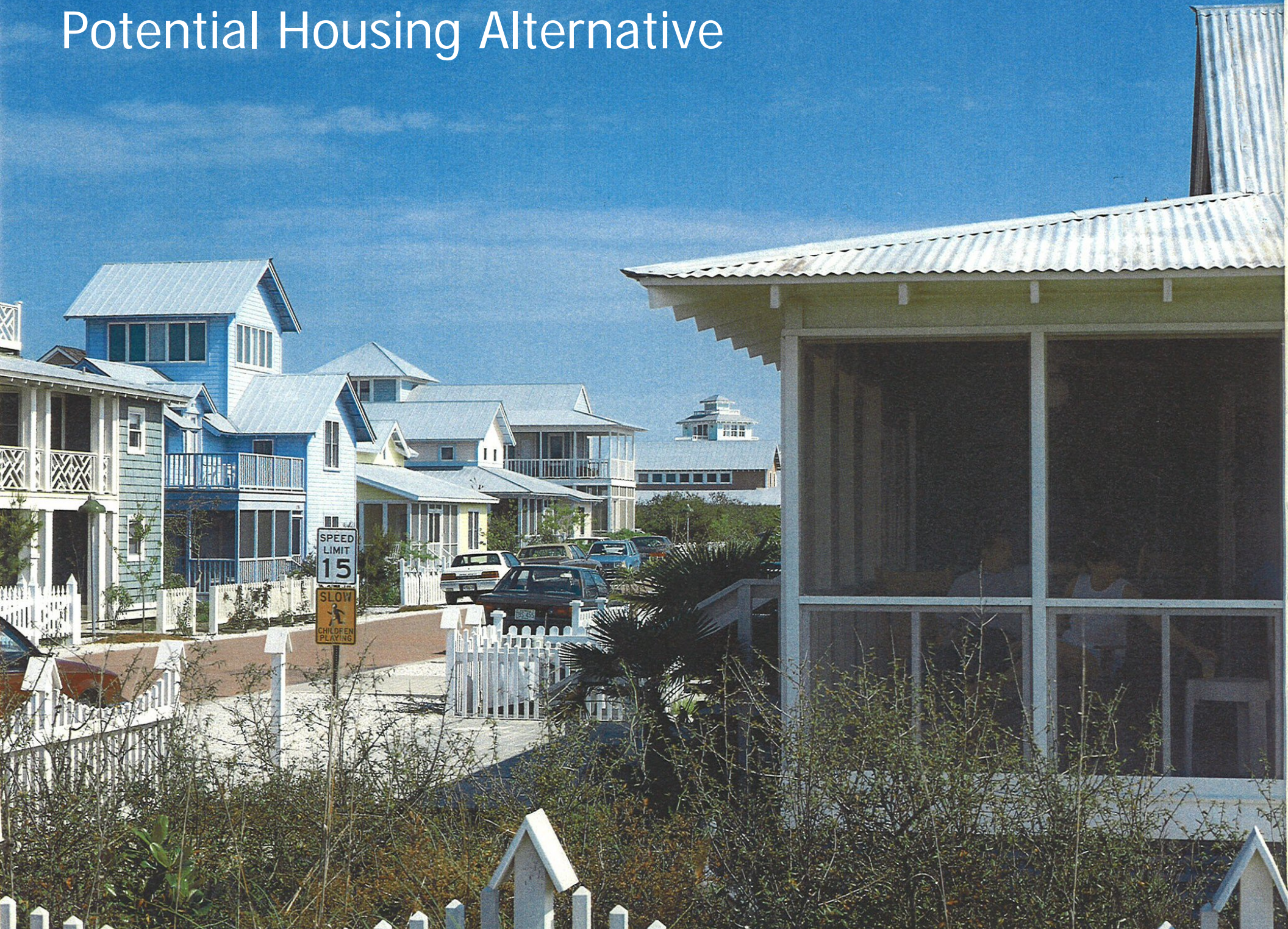




Potential Land Use Alternative



Potential Housing Alternative



Potential Redevelopment Alternative



What's Next?

- Develop Smart Growth Criteria
- Hire a consultant
- Start Phase 1 in July/August 05